be counted towards experience. Age should not be more than 33 years tor Doctoral Studies. Relaxation in age upto 2 years will be given in the case of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribes candidates. Upper age limit and experience can be relaxed by not more than three months at the discretion of the selection committee in the ease of brilliant candidates.

For Past-Doctoral Studies —

Uniformly good academic record with 60 per cent or above marks at Master's Degree level with Ph.D. Degree in Science/Engineering|Technology, as the case may be or equivalent qualification in the subject selected or in an allied subject field. Preference will be given to persons possessing knowledge of Russian Language. Age should not be more than 35 years. Relaxation in age upto 2 years will be given in the case of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe candidates. Upper age limit can be relaxed by not more than three months at the discretion of the Selection Committee in the case of brilliant candidates.

Candidates who have a ready been abroad for study/specialisation|training either on a scholarship or on their own are eligible to apply only if they have been in India few atleast three consecutive years after their return from abroad. The Final Selection is made on all Tndia basis by a duly constituted Selection Committee.

2. The Indo-USSR Cultural Exchange Programme 1987-1988 have provisions envisaging visit of teachers/scholars to the USSR for study-cum-lecture-cum experiment of contacts programme. Each year, the University Grants Commission invites from various universities nomination of teachers/scholars and also inserts advertisements in national dailies for the slots. Selection of the candidates are made by Committee of experts appointed by the Commission for this purpose.

Purchase of Horses from Australia

529. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHE-LA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any inquiry has been carried out into the purchase deal of interior quality of 10 horses from Australia after two of them died here on their arrival another two were found lame and the rest gave a very poor performance in the S Asian games;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Sports Department had submitted for investigation about 50 notes of complaints at this deal;

(c) if so, what are the findings thereof and action taken against the guilty persons; and

(d) whether the said inquiry was withdrawn half way and if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN Till DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE *MINSTRY* OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d). A departmental en-enquiry has been ordered by the Ministry of Defence into the purchase of horses from Australia. The Committee has not yet mitted its (report.

Financial Assistance to Sanskrit Scholars

530. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGI. LA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether under the development of Sanskrit Education Scheme, Sanskrit scholars above 55 years of age and earning less than Rs. 250 per month are eligible for financial assistance to the extent that the total monthly income becomes Rs. 250;

(b) when this decision was taken;

(c) whether any increments by way of DA etc. have been sanctioned to pensioners since then; and if so, by how: much; and

(d) whether the present contributory amount per month for the Sanskrit scholars is also proposed to be revised and if not, why ?